

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/648,101

Examiner

Jingge Wu

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 11/24/1004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-15, 17-19, 21-24, and 26-28 renumbered as 1-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 25 August 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date <u>18</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

JINGGE WU  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

### **Examiner's Amendment**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CAR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel, claims 2, 11, and 20.

Please amend:

claim 1, in last line, delete ".", and add --, wherein said correction means corrects said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion.--;

claim 10, in last line, delete ".", and add --, wherein correcting the synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion. --;

claim 19, in last line, delete ".", and add --, wherein said correction modle corrects said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion. --;

claim 28, in last line, delete ".", and add --, wherein said correction means corrects said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion. --;

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claim 3, in line 3, delete “, said correction means correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images to be jointed together based on the inout relative position.”, and add “.”;

claim 12, in line 3, delete “, said correction steps correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images to be jointed together based on the inout relative position.”, and add “.”; and

claim 21, in line 3, delete “, said correction module correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images to be jointed together based on the inout relative position.”, and add “.”.

### **Reasons for Allowance**

Applicants' response to the last Office Action, filed December 27, 2002 has been entered and made of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 are allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 3-6 and 8-9, 12-15 and 17-18, 21-24 and 26-27 depend from claims 1, 10 and 19 respectively, therefore, are allowed.

Independent claims 1, 10, 19 and 28 recite the limitations of : correcting the jointed portion of synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint potion. The combination of these features as cited in the claims in combination with the other limitations of the claims, are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

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The closest references of JP 05-342344 to Urushiya discloses an image synthesis method for inputting relative position of the images to be jointed. However, he does not teach the limitations of cited above.

In view of the amended claims and the Applicant's arguments, the rejections to claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-15, 17-19, 21-24, and 26-28 are expressly withdrawn.

### **Reasons for Allowance**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Jingge Wu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7429. He can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The examiner can be also reached on second alternate Fridays.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to TC customer service whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au, can be reached at (571) 272-7414.

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